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SUBJECTIVE VS OBJECTIVE: “Into Thin Air”

The following direct quotations from “Into Thin Air” by Jon Krakauer are examples of moments when he is reporting information in either a subjective or an objective manner. Write “O” in the blank next to the objective statements and “S” in the blank next to the subjective statements.

1. “It had become fashionable among alpine cognoscenti to denigrate Everest as a ‘slag heap,’ a peak lacking sufficient technical challenge . . . to be a worthy objective for a ‘serious climber,’ which I desperately aspired to be.”
2. “To a certain extent, climbers shopping for an Everest expedition get what they pay for.”
3. “I climbed my first mountain in the company of my dad, Unsoeld, and his oldest son, Regon, a few months before Unsoeld departed for Nepal.”
4. “Even before last season’s calamitous outcome, the proliferation of commercial expeditions was a touchy issue.”
5. “For a great many climbers, the record shows, stealing time away from the daily grind has not been an insurmountable obstacle, nor has the hefty outlay of cash.”
6. “On some expeditions guides have gone to the summit without any of their clients, prompting the bitter clients to conclude that they were brought along simply to pick up the tab.”
7. “In the next six weeks, we would make three trips above Base Camp, climbing 2,000 feet higher each time.”
8. “I was shocked to see them go across together, almost in lockstep, a needlessly dangerous act.”
9. “Our team, it was decided, would share a summit date of May 10 with Fischer’s group.”
10. “Sticking to your predetermined turn-around time—that was the most important rule on the mountain.”